

Pacifica Network Newsletter: January



FROM WERU AND MAINE'S LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:

DEMOCRACY FORUM ASKS,
HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO A
CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS?

“THIS IS NOT AN ESOTERIC
CONVERSATION.”

THIS IS COMMUNITY RADIO.

PART I



American Public Media Owes \$86,400 for Broadcasting False EAS Tones

After distributing a documentary style program with EAS Tones, American Public Media has agreed to pay the United States Treasury \$86,400.

The tones played as part of a [BBC program](#) about a category EF-3 tornado in El Reno, Oklahoma.

“This is Not an Esoteric Conversation”

In March 2025, WERU’s *Democracy Forum* began a series of “Constitutional Crisis” programs. The premise was direct: “While ordinary life goes on for most of us, some Mainers are living in fear. This is not normal.”

The opening program was dedicated to “How to Stand Up, Speak Up, Push Back.” Subsequent programs defined the scope of recent Federal policy changes and then honed in on particular Constitutional issues: health care, civil liberties, free and fair elections, free speech, the expansion of Presidential power.

[Read more from Diane Reinhardt](#)



2026 GRC Scheduled for Pensacola

With 69% of the vote from participating community radio stations, the Grassroots Radio Conference Steering Committee has announced [WPNX-LP](#) to host GRC 2026.

Over 500 non-commercial radio stations, including affiliates of Minnesota Public radio, aired the program in 2023, thereby broadcasting EAS Tones as part of a story and not a real emergency.

In its notice of a [consent decree](#) with American Public Media, the FCC stated that "The Commission has repeatedly warned that the use of simulated or actual EAS Tones for non-authorized purposes—such as commercial or entertainment purposes—can lead to dangerous “alert fatigue” whereby the public becomes desensitized to the alerts, questioning whether the alerts are for a real, imminent threat or some other cause."

The agreed payment of \$86,400 to the U.S. Department of Treasury is expected within 30 days.



Security for Small Stations

[January round-table.](#)

William Bilancio of [Brunswick Community Radio](#) talks default password changes & networking for both the studio and transmitter sites.

Located in Pensacola, Florida, the "Barn Raising" style conference will invite folks to help support and celebrate **WPNX's** launch onto the airwaves.

He also touches on computer and network cybersecurity

From Station Manager Sean Linezo:

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. We will be open to suggestions for topics of interest in the coming months. We hope to produce an informative, enriching, fun and comfortable experience for everyone who attends.

Now in AudioPort



Take Charge of Your Health

[Hour](#)

Corinne and Carol present you with new and creative ways to help you make sense of health information and bring it home to you and your family.



The QR CODE

[Hour](#)

The QR Code is a fast-paced morning / afternoon drive show that unpacks stories and issues that matter to Black and Brown communities and the broader American public.



OK Asia

[3 Hours](#)

Since 2017, DJ Panic has been the vibrant host and curator of the radio program **OK Asia**, where she celebrates the rich tapestry of Asian music.

OK Asia features everything from K-pop

With years of clinical experience and research into traditional and cutting edge technologies, Corinne gives you practical information to help you **Take Charge of Your Health.**

Produced by
Physicians Assistant
Corinne Furnari &
Pharmacist Carol
Petersen for [WBAI](#) in
New York, NY.

CODE stands for
Culture, Opinions,
Dialogue,
Entertainment—the
pillars of every episode.
The show is rooted in
truth, driven by lived
experience, and
committed to
transparency as a tool
for collective growth.

Hosted by Q Ward and
Ramses Ja—the duo
behind the nationally
syndicated [Civic
Cipher](#).

and J-pop to Hip-Hop
and R&B. The mission
is all about connecting
listeners with the
dynamic energy and
incredible talent of
Asian artists. So, don't
miss out, tune in to
discover something
new, and let the music
transport you across
the continent!

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